

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**Communications Division
Carrier Oversight and Programs Branch**

**RESOLUTION T-17667
December 05, 2019**

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-17667, Ducor Telephone Company. Approves recovery of \$33,379 in revenue shortfall during January 1 through July 31, 2019, from the California High Cost Fund-A.

S U M M A R Y

By Advice Letter 384 filed July 29, 2019, Ducor Telephone Company requests recovery of a revenue shortfall of \$33,379¹ through the California High Cost Fund-A, pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (O.P.) 8 of Decision (D.) 19-06-025 in General Rate Case Application (A.) 17-10-003. The revenue shortfall occurred because the Commission adopted the General Rate Case D.19-06-025 for Test Year 2019, after the start of the test year. This Resolution approves Ducor Telephone Company's recovery request of \$33,379 from the California High Cost Fund-A.

B A C K G R O U N D

O.P. 8 of D.19-06-025 states, "Ducor Telephone Company is hereby authorized to submit a Tier 2 Advice Letter (AL) to the Communications Division within 30 days of the effective date of this decision to request any revenue shortfall resulting from this decision not being approved as of January 1, 2019, through the California High Cost Fund-A. The Advice Letter must provide a calculation to true up the revenue differential for the Test Year 2019."

Ducor filed AL 384 on July 29, 2019, in compliance with D.19-06-025, providing calculations and supporting workpapers for the revenue shortfall. Staff suspended the AL on August 21, 2019, citing that a resolution addressing revenue shortfall due to a GRC decision being issued after the beginning of a test year would require additional time for compliance review with Decision D.19-06-025. Staff reviewed AL 384 and determined that Ducor's calculated revenue shortfall of \$33,379 for

¹ Rounded to the nearest dollar

recovery is reasonable. Ducor calculated the shortfall to be equal to the difference between the amount that Ducor would have billed for TY 2019 had Ducor's adopted GRC been effective January 1, 2019, and what it actually billed for January 1 through July 31, 2019.

PROTEST

The Commission received Ducor's AL 384 on July 29, 2019, which appeared in the Daily Calendar on July 31, 2019. The Commission received no protests.

DISCUSSION

Staff has reviewed Ducor's calculation of the revenue shortfall along with the supporting workpapers and determined that the revenue shortfall calculation of \$33,379 is reasonable and consistent with O.P. 8 of D.19-06-025. Staff recommends that the Commission adopt Ducor's proposal for disbursement of the shortfall amount from the CHCF-A program pursuant to this order.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no safety considerations addressed in this Resolution.

COMMENTS

In compliance with P.U. Code § 311(g), the Commission emailed a notice letter on November 1, 2019, informing Ducor of the availability of this Resolution for public comments at the Commission's website www.cpuc.ca.gov. Comments are due within twenty (20) days of Daily Calendar notification. The notice letter also informed parties that the final conformed Resolution adopted by the Commission will be posted and available at the same website.

FINDINGS

1. D. 19-06-025 authorized Ducor Telephone Company to submit a Tier 2 Advice Letter to the Communications Division within 30 days of the decision to request any revenue shortfall resulting from the decision not being approved as of January 1, 2019, through the California High Cost Fund A.

2. Ducor Telephone Company filed Tier 2 Advice Letter 384 on July 29, 2019, providing calculation of \$33,379 revenue shortfall for the period January 1 through July 31, 2019.
3. Ducor Telephone Company requested that the revenue shortfall of \$33,379 be recovered from the California High Cost Fund-A.
4. Staff has reviewed Ducor Telephone Company's calculated revenue shortfall and finds it reasonable and consistent with Ordering Paragraph 8 of D.19-06-025.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Ducor Telephone Company's request to recover a revenue shortfall of \$33,379 from the California High Cost Fund-A is granted.
2. The Communications Division is directed to disburse \$33,379 from the California High Cost Fund-A to Ducor Telephone Company, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Resolution.

This Resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on _____, the following Commissioners voting favorable thereon:

Alice Stebbins
Executive Director